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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MONITORING THE  
WEAR OF A RAPIER BAND

GROUP ART UNIT: 2859

EXAMINER: Gail Kaplan Verbitsky

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the office action mailed June 5, 2003 with regard to the above-identified patent application.

Information Disclosure Statement

A PTO-1449 form listing the documents mentioned in the International Search Report established in the PCT application of which this is the national phase is submitted herewith along with an Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the documents in accordance with MPEP 609.

Amendments to Specification

The specification of this application is amended in accordance with amendments presented on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION.

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	02 FC:1201	252.00 OP
	03 FC:1203	280.00 OP

Amendments to Claims

The claims are amended in accordance with the LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS presented on the pages following the amendments to the specification. Any cancellation

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**Abstract**

An abstract is submitted on a separate sheet appended hereto.